

A regular meeting of the Board of Members of Rapidan Service Authority was held on May 19, 2022, at the Greene County Library.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. A quorum was established followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Members: Bowman, Coppage, Crozier, Frame, Martin, Yowell
Staff: GM Clemons, DO Jarrell, DA Gaskins
Attorney: Terry Lynn
Visitors: Mark Taylor, Clay Jackson, Terry Beigie, Media

After GM Clemons brought to the Board's attention the proposed resolution that was emailed to the Board members that morning and was to be added to Section 7D of the agenda, Mr. Bowman made a motion that the agenda be adopted. Mr. Crozier seconded the motion with the understanding that the proposed resolution be included as part of the agenda. The agenda for the meeting was then approved unanimously.

The minutes of the April 21, 2022 Board meeting were approved on a motion by Coppage, seconded by Bowman and passed unanimously.

Old business was then presented. As advertised in the *Greene County Record* on April 28 and May 5, 2022, a second public hearing regarding the proposed facility fee adjustment was then held. There were no written comments and the only individual who had requested to speak was Mark Taylor. He requested that the Board incorporate into its minutes the comments made at the original hearing and again reiterated Greene County's desire to separate from RSA but stated that the facility fee would be necessary should the planned separation fail to take place for some reason. A motion was made by Crozier, seconded by Bowman, and passed unanimously on a rollcall vote to reinstitute the facility fee beginning in June 2022.

An opportunity was given for public comment, but there was initially none given.

Customer requests were then presented. A couple in Locust Grove had requested relief for a bill of \$1036.71. They believe that they did not use the water in question and that there is a problem with the meter. The meter is currently being tested, so the Chairman suggested that the request be tabled until the next Board meeting. On a motion by Crozier, seconded by Bowman, the Board voted unanimously to do so.

The proposed Greene County withdrawal from RSA was then discussed. Both Orange County and Madison County had approved resolutions that outlined the broad terms of the Greene County withdrawal and requested the RSA Board to approve a similar resolution. A motion was made by Bowman, seconded by Yowell to adopt the resolution submitted to the Board earlier in the day that would approve the following "Agreed Terms" for Greene's withdrawal as a participating locality of RSA: (1) payment to Greene by RSA of \$1,350,000; (2) transfer to Greene by RSA of the RSA real property assets in Greene County; (3) lease by Greene to RSA of the headquarters building and grounds through December 31, 2023, for \$1.00; (4) dismissal with prejudice of all

litigation; (5) satisfaction by Greene of all Virginia Resource Authority requirements. The resolution passed unanimously on a rollcall vote. After its approval, Attorney Lynn presented the Board with a response to Greene County's proposed withdrawal agreement. She further requested that Mr. Bowman present the document to the Greene County Board of Supervisors for their response.

An opportunity was then given for Board comment. Mr. Bowman thanked David Jarrell and Trace Gaskins for spending several hours taking him on a tour of RSA facilities recently.

DO Jarrell presented the results from the bids on IFB 6734-7: Germanna-Wilderness Water Improvements Project Phase IA. The Patterson Construction Company, Inc. presented the winning bid, and it was requested that GM Clemons be authorized to execute a contract with them. It was pointed out that RSA has worked with the company previously with satisfactory results. The projected time required for the project is 365 days. There should be sufficient water for the area until the project is done. On a proposal from Crozier, seconded by Yowell, a motion to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with the Patterson Construction Company, Inc. for the project was unanimously approved on a rollcall vote.

DO Jarrell then announced that J.P. Tucker Excavating had won the bid for the Washington Street 8" Water Main Replacement in Madison. Of the three bids, one was more than double the winning bid and a question was asked what factors might have caused that. That particular bidder is currently very busy, and the speculation is that they might have just thrown out a high bid on the outside chance that they would get the contract. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Yowell, and passed on a unanimous rollcall vote, the General Manager was authorized to execute a contract with J.P. Tucker Excavating for the work. The work should begin by the end of June and finish by December 2022.

DO Jarrell presented the results of RSA's search for term contracts for engineering services. Five firms responded to RSA's search, and four of them (Hurt & Proffitt, Mangrum Consulting & Design LLC, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. and Wiley/Wilson) were determined to potentially meet RSA's needs/requirements. The four firms have different areas of talent/expertise, and RSA staff believe that each of them could potentially be of benefit to RSA. Staff is therefore requesting that the General Manager be allowed to execute a one-year term contract with each of the firms. There would be no cost to RSA unless a firm's services were actually used. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Bowman and passed on a unanimous rollcall vote, the General Manager was authorized to enter into a one-year term contract with each of the firms.

DO Jarrell then presented a request that the General Manager be authorized to complete the necessary paperwork to apply for a SEARCH grant for the Madison WTP. On a motion by Crozier, seconded by Coppage and passed by a unanimous rollcall vote, the General Manager was authorized to do so. GM Clemons added that the one that had been requested previously for the Madison WWTP should wrap up shortly, and he hopes to be able to bring to the Board and Madison County an update as to possible options to pursue within 60 days or so.

GM Clemons then gave his report. Except for legal fees, expenses are lower than budgeted. Revenue is down from what was hoped at this point, but it should pick up as water sales increase during the warm summer months. RSA is currently still in the black.

There was no Attorney report.

A customer who had wanted to speak at the facility fee public hearing but was late was allowed to express his viewpoint as a matter of public comment. He strongly disagrees with the facility fee and thinks the RSA Board is corrupt.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bowman at 2:31 PM; the motion was seconded by Coppage and passed unanimously.

Chairman